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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 271

DIGEST OF SB 271 (Updated February 24, 2014 10:56 am - DI 84)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Water related study committee responsibilities. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate committee for the 2014 legislative interim the responsibility: (1) to receive testimony about a number of subjects related to water resources, including certain recommendations of the utility regulatory commission, the effect of water resource availability on state and regional economic development decisions, coordination of state government activities relating to water resources, and key elements that a state water plan should contain; and (2) to study the potential creation of a water institute and a water management authority.

Effective: April 1, 2014.

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January 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.
January 27, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 30, 2014, read second time, ordered engrossed.
January 31, 2014, engrossed.
February 3, 2014, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 10, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 24, 2014, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning natural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014] (a) The general
2 assembly urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate
3 committee the following responsibilities for the 2014 legislative
4 interim:

5 (1) Receive testimony and information from the Indiana
6 utility regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2
7 concerning the findings presented by the commission in its
8 most recent report to the legislative council under
9 IC 8-1-30.5-3(c)(1).

10 (2) Receive testimony on the effect that the relative
11 availability of water resources has upon state and regional
12 economic development decisions.

13 (3) Receive testimony concerning ways in which state
14 government agencies could better coordinate their activities
15 relating to the management of water resources.

16 (4) Receive testimony concerning ways in which state and
17 local governments can better coordinate their activities

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1 relating to the management of water resources.

2 (5) Receive testimony concerning the unique water resource
3 challenges facing rural Indiana and, in particular, the
4 agricultural community, including aquifer withdrawals,
5 surface water concerns, and inter-basin transfers.

6 (6) Receive testimony that evaluates:

7 (A) the recommendations set forth by the Indiana utility
8 regulatory commission in its most recent report to the
9 legislative council under IC 8-1-30.5-3(c)(1); and

10 (B) other recommendations concerning Indiana's water
11 resources.

12 (7) Receive testimony on the key elements that a state water
13 plan should contain.

14 (8) Study the potential creation of a water institute.

15 (9) Study the potential creation of a water management
16 authority.

17 (b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2014.

18 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Environmental Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 271, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "water".

Page 1, line 3, delete "resources study" and insert **"appropriate"**.

Page 1, line 3, delete "established by IC 2-5-25-1".

Page 2, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(8) Study the potential creation of a water institute.

(9) Study the potential creation of a water management authority."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 271 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill 271, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 271 as printed January 28, 2014.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

Representative Eberhart

